

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 18, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2883 - SB 3111**

This bill, if enacted, will require that any report of child brutality, abuse or neglect first be made to the sheriff's office or chief law enforcement official of the municipality. The sheriff or law enforcement official notified will conduct the initial investigation and inform the Department of Human Services of the results of the investigation.

Present law requires that a report of child abuse or neglect be made to the juvenile judge, the county office of the Department of Human Services, or to the sheriff or law enforcement official. Under current law, all cases reported to juvenile court or to law enforcement officers are required to be referred immediately to the local director of the county office of the Department of Human Services for investigation.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in local government expenditures* for additional officers to conduct investigations. The amount of such increase is estimated to exceed \$3,000,000.

Enactment of this bill is also estimated to result in increased state expenditures for the additional placements of children in temporary

emergency shelters and other state custody placements. The amount of increased state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*